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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH GOP ON TREATY IMPLEMENTATION

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1. IN ADDITION TO THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REF A, THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED BY THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT (JAEN AND VELASQUEZ, AFTER TALKING WITH FABREGA):

A. LABOR QUESTIONS. THE ONLY SPECIFIC ITEM SUGGESTED BY THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNED TREATY-RELATED ACTIVITIES WHICH CAUSE UNEMPLOYMENT, SUCH AS FUNCTIONS WHICH CEASE OR CHANGE AGENCY OF OPERATION (E.G., PANCANAL COMMISSARIES).

B. CHANGES IN RELATIONS BETWEEN PANCANAL AND THE MILITARY WHICH MAY AFFECT PANAMA. THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT SEEM TO HAVE IN MIND SUCH SHIFTS IN FUNCTIONS AS SCHOOLS, SOCIAL SECURITY, ETC., WHICH WILL REQUIRE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTION BY THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT, OR HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON PANAMA.

C. ESTABLISHING THE FORERUNNERS OF THE COMMITTEES PROVIDED FOR IN THE TREATY. SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED WERE THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, THE JOINT COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT, THE COMBINED BOARD, THE

COORDINATING COMMITTEE (AND ITS SUBORDINATE PORT AND RAILROAD COMMITTEE), AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

2. SOME REFINEMENTS IN THE ROUGH SCHEDULE GIVEN IN REF B WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. THE PANAMANIAN ARE NOW THINKING IN TERMS OF THE FOLLOWING FOR THE TWO DAYS OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS:

TUESDAY

0900-0930: CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALEZ-REVILLA

0930-1100: MEET WITH FABREGA, LOPEZ-GUEVARA, AND MEMBERS OF FABREGA'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT (BEGINNING WITH DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND CONTINUING WITH OTHER AGENDA ITEMS).

1200-1430: WORKING LUNCHEON HOSTED BY U.S. VISITORS

1430-1630: FREE TIME

1630-1800: "WORKING COCKTAIL" HOSTED BY FABREGA

1930: BUFFET DINNER AT CHARGE'S

WEDNESDAY

THERE ARE PLANS FOR THE VISITORS EITHER TO VISIT WITH TORRIJOS AT FARALLON OR COCLECITO, OR TO ATTEND THE DINNER WEDNESDAY EVENING. THERE WOULD BE TWO WORKING SESSIONS, ONE IN THE MORNING AND ONE IN THE AFTERNOON, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IF THERE IS NO TRIP OUT OF PANAMA CITY. OTHERWISE, ACTUAL WORKING TIME MAY BE LIMITED, MAKING IT NECESSARY TO CONTINUE BILATERAL SESSIONS ON THURSDAY. EVENING: DINNER AT THE WINDOWS RESTAURANT, HOSTED BY FABREGA. DIKEOS

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